

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 24, 2006, has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 10, 12, 17, 23, 25, 34, 36, 41, 47 and 50-53 have been amended. Claims 1-17, 23-41 and 47-53 are currently pending in the present application.

Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-11, 23-26, 28-35 and 47-48

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 23-26, 28-35 and 47-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Handelman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,298,441, hereinafter "Handelman"). To the extent that the rejection still applies, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Applicants submit that Handelman fails to disclose or suggest each and every element recited in claims 1, 10, 23, 25, 34 and 47 of the present application. For instance, it is submitted that Handelman fails to disclose or suggest at least the following elements of the claims, as amended:

Claim 1: A method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, comprising:
receiving and updating directory data of the electronic books in a library unit;

Claim 10: A method for restricting access to electronic books displayed on a viewer, comprising:
receiving and updating directory data of the electronic books in a library unit;

Claim 23: A method for controlling access to an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:
storing and indexing an electronic book in a library unit;
displaying a directory having the stored electronic book on a viewer;

Claim 25: An apparatus for restricting access to electronic books, comprising:

a library unit for storing and indexing the electronic books;

a display that displays an index of the electronic books having an identification or title of an electronic book;

Claim 34: An apparatus for restricting access to electronic books, comprising:

a library unit for storing and indexing the electronic books;

a display that displays an index of the electronic books having an identification or title of an electronic book;

Claim 47 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for controlling access to an electronic book, comprising:

a library unit for storing and indexing the electronic book;

a display that displays an index having the electronic book.

The Applicants submit that the display screen 425 of Handelman is neither comparable nor analogous to the above recited features. In fact, the display screen 425 of Handelman is merely a screen with no relationship with the above-discussed features of claims 1, 10, 23, 25 and 47. The Applicants submit that, although Handelman provides a display screen 425, Handelman nevertheless fails to show each and every feature recited in claims 1, 10, 23, 25 and 47 of the present application.

Moreover, to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single prior art reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each feature of a rejected claim. As explained above, Handelman fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claims 1, 10, 23, 25 and 47. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, 23, 25 and 47 are not anticipated by the disclosure of Handelman. Therefore, the

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 10, 23, 25 and 47 are allowable at least for the above reasons.

As claims 2 and 4-9 depend from claim 1, claim 11 depends from claim 10, claim 24 depends from claim 23, claims 26 and 28-33 depend from claim 25, and claim 35 depends from claim 34, and claim 48 depends from claim 47, the Applicants submit that each of these claims incorporates the patentable aspects therein, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the independent claims, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection of Claims 50 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 50 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Huffman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,761,681, hereinafter "Huffman"). To the extent that the rejection still applies, the Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Applicants submit that Huffman fails to disclose or suggest each and every element recited in claims 50 and 51 of the present application. For instance, it is submitted that Huffman fails to disclose or suggest at least the following elements of the claims, as amended:

Claim 50: A method for electronically displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer and permitting a user to restrict content of the electronic book, comprising:
storing the electronic book in a library unit;
indexing the electronic book within an index of the library unit;
displaying a screen with the index having the electronic book on a viewer;

Claim 51: A screen for use in electronically displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer and permitting a user to restrict content of the electronic book, comprising:
a library unit for storing the electronic book;
an index for indexing the electronic book;
a screen with the index having the electronic book for display on a viewer.

In order to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single prior art reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each feature of a rejected claim. It is submitted that Huffman fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claims 50 and 51. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 50 and 51 are not anticipated by the disclosure of Huffman. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 50 and 51 are allowable for at least for the above reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection of Claims 52 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 52 and 53 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Der Meer (U.S. Patent No. 6,415,316). To the extent that the rejection still applies, the Applicants respectfully traverse.

The Applicants submit that Van Der Meer fails to disclose or suggest each and every element recited in claims 52 and 53 of the present application. For instance, it is submitted that Van Der Meer fails to disclose or suggest at least the following elements of the claims, as amended:

Claim 52: A method for electronically displaying a screen on a viewer for receiving access levels and a viewer mode relating to display of electronic books on the viewer, comprising:
storing the electronic books in a library unit;
indexing the electronic books within an index of the library unit;

displaying a screen with the index of the electronic books on a viewer for displaying electronic books;

Claim 53: A screen for use in electronically displaying a screen on a viewer for receiving access levels and a viewer mode relating to display of electronic books on the viewer, comprising:

- a library unit for storing the electronic books;
- an index for indexing the electronic books within the library unit;
- a screen for display on a viewer for use in displaying the index of the electronic books;

In order to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single prior art reference must teach, i.e., identically describe, each feature of a rejected claim. It is submitted that Van Der Meer fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature of claims 52 and 53. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 52 and 53 are not anticipated by the disclosure of Van Der Meer. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 52 and 53 are allowable for at least for the above reasons.

The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection of Claims 3, 12-17, 27, 36-41 and 49 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 3, 12-17, 27, 36-41 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Handelman in view of Block et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,675,384, hereinafter "Block"). To the extent that the rejection still applies, the Applicants respectfully traverse.

Handelman is discussed above.

Each of claims 3, 27 and 49 depends from claims 1, 25 and 47, respectively. Therefore, the Applicants submit that each of these claims incorporates the patentable aspects therein, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons set forth above with

respect to the independent claims, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

As for claims 12, 17, 36 and 41, the Applicants submit that Handelman in view of Block fails to disclose or suggest each and every element recited these claims. For instance, it is submitted that the cited prior art fails to disclose or suggest at least the following features of the claims, as amended:

Claim 12: A method for permitting a user to restrict access to a plurality of stored electronic books for display on a viewer, comprising:

- storing and indexing a plurality of electronic books in a library unit;
- displaying a directory of the plurality of electronic books on a viewer;

Claim 17 (original): A method for permitting a user to restrict access to a stored electronic book for display on a viewer, comprising:

- storing and indexing an electronic book in a library unit;
- displaying a directory having the stored electronic book on a viewer;

Claim 36: An apparatus for permitting a user to restrict access to a plurality of stored electronic books for display, comprising:

- a memory that stores and indexes a plurality of electronic books;
- a display that displays an index of the electronic books;

Claim 41: An apparatus for permitting a user to restrict access to a stored electronic book for display, comprising:

- a storing module that stores and indexes an electronic book;
- a display unit for displaying an index having the electronic book;

In order to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, each feature of a rejected claim must be taught or suggested by the applied art of record. See M.P.E.P. §2143.03 and *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981 (CCPA 1974). Handelman and Block, taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or suggest each feature recited in claims 12, 17, 36 and 41. Accordingly, for the above provided reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 12, 17, 36 and 41 are not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 by the teachings of Handelman in view of Block, and therefore are allowable.

As claims 13-16 depend from claim 12, and claims 37-40 depend from claim 36, the Applicants submit that each of these claims incorporates the patentable aspects therein, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to the independent claims, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

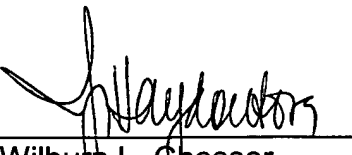
In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-17, 23-41, 47-53 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time.

Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026880-00029.

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